The disbursement of pension to inferior servants.

2. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state why no pension is disbursed to pensioners receiving pensions less than Rs. 10 per mensem before the 5th of every month? Will the Government be pleased to make arrangements to disburse these amounts even on the first of every month to avoid hardship and inconvenience?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—This was one of the arrangements made to relieve the congestion of work in the treasuries during the first few days of the month. The Government do not think that this arrangement now causes any inconvenience to pensioners, since, after the first month of introduction of this rule, disbursements are made regularly at intervals of a month. The Member is also referred to the answer to question 7 (c).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Am I to understand from the answer that, when once the Government makes delay in the payment of these poor pensioners, they can continue this delay?

President.—The point of the answer is this. Of course, in the first month there will be delay. They will get their pay on the 5th. After that there will be no delay.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—They are entitled to get the pension on the 1st.

President.—Why is it that they are not given pension on the 1st?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—There is very heavy work. So, in 1099, an order was issued. Of course, it is very hard, and we are taking necessary action in the matter.

The certificates of the X-Ray expert.

3. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the certificate obtained by the officer appointed by the Government in Meenam 1100 to the X-Ray department, General Hospital, Ernakulam, with regard to his proficiency or training in X-Ray?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Copies of the certificates are appended. (*Vide Appendix 1.*)

The qualifications of the X-Ray expert.

4. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) What are the qualifications of Dr. T. Verghese in the X Ray work?

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 3.)

(1)

I have pleasure in stating that Mr. Tharyan Verghese, M. B. Ch. B., began his training in Actino-therapy and X-Ray work at Guy's Hospital in July 1918, and that he has had considerable experience in the diagnosis of surgical cases. He knows how to work an X-Ray apparatus efficiently, can be relied upon to take radiograms properly and to interpret the appearances seen in any ordinary form of injury or disease.

Sd. (Sir) E. C. PERRY, Bt.,
M. D., F. R. C. P.,
Consulting Physician and Superintendent,
Guy's Hospital.

March 24, 1919.

(2)

Highgate Hospital,
London, N. 19,
January 6, 1921.

Dr. T. Verghese has held the post of Assistant Medical Superintendent at this hospital for the past twelve months. The necessity of his return to India has unfortunately involved his resignation here, much to the regret of all the officials of the Hospital.

Dr. Verghese is a most agreeable colleague, tactful and skilful in his treatment of the patients.

The X-Ray department of the hospital has been under the supervision of Dr. Verghese, much to his credit.

We all regret his departure and wish him every success in his future career in India which he certainly deserves.

Sd. ARTHUR CHILCOTT, M. D., etc.,
Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 22)

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I.	Chief Engineer.	18th to 24th Edavam 1101, camped in the Chittur Taluk	35—0 0
II.	Devaswam Commissioner.	18—10—1101 to 23rd	63—0—0
III.	K. Ramunni Menon, Northern Division Forest Officer.	12—10—1101 to 17th	50—0—0
IV.	Conservator of Forests.	16—10—1101 to 19th	42—0—0
V.	M. D. Narayana Ayyar, Assistant Engineer.	17—10—1101 to 23rd	88—8—0

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